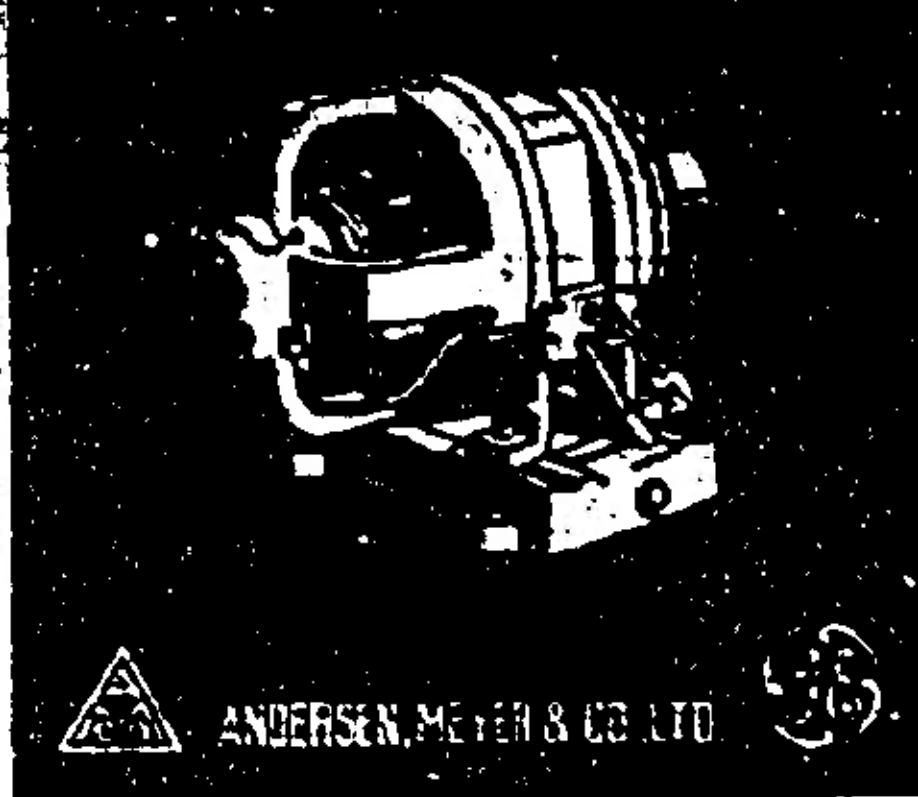


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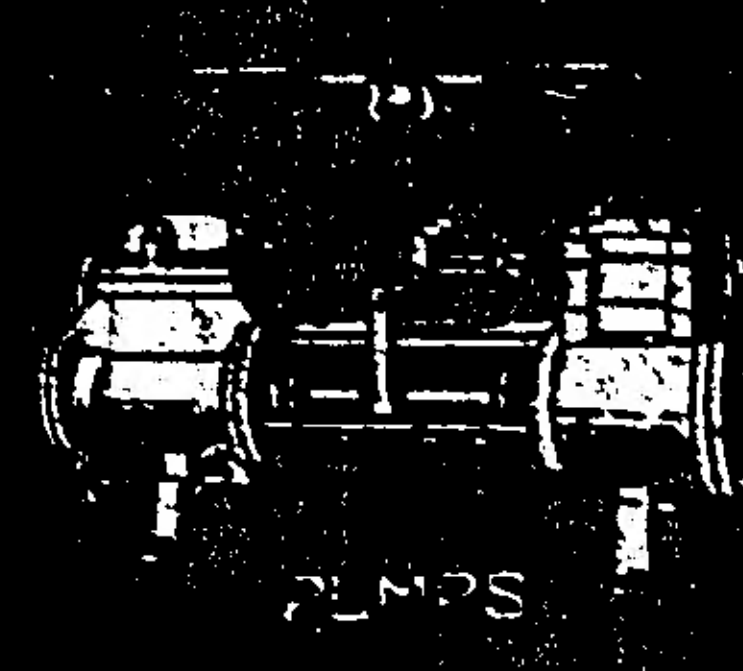
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SURVEY OF INDUSTRY.

Board of Trade President's Views.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 11.

Mr. Baldwin (President of the Board of Trade), introducing the Board of Trade estimates in the House of Commons, reviewed world trade. He said that there was nothing in the condition of the British Dominions, the United States, South America, Holland, Scandinavia, and Spain to prevent them from again largely buying. He regarded with apprehension the increases in tariffs, especially in France, Italy, Spain, and the United States, but was confident that we would hold our own in the Dominions, owing to the generous preference.

A further disquieting feature was the attempted discrimination by certain maritime countries against British shipping. He hoped that the Motherland and the Dominions would confer concerning this before it was too late.

If the restoration of Europe were delayed, we must intensify development inter-imperial trade and push into Eastern and South American markets. British industries had mostly liquidated their stocks which had accumulated after the short post-war boom, but a reduction in taxation was essential to the resumption of business.

Mr. Baldwin said that the coal trade alone had reached an economic level. It was the only trade where exports were of something like the pre-war average; but unfortunately, there was no great demand for industrial coal, which was not likely to revive till trade generally began to improve.

The iron and steel trade was having a most difficult time, and was unlikely to reach a paying position for some time, as the world was convinced that bottom prices had not yet been reached.

The wool trade was comparatively cheerful, notably in yarns and piece-goods; but the growth of tariffs abroad was injurious.

Gradual Improvement Anticipated.

On the other side of the picture, our productive power was greater than ever, while London remained the world's financial centre. Mr. Baldwin quoted the percentages of exports since 1913, showing that we were slowly climbing out of the appalling pit into which we fell on the collapse of the post-war boom, and giving real hope that we were on the eve of a better time. He forecasted that trade would continue to show a gradual improvement, but all classes must co-operate in production.

Lancashire was viewing with alarm the increase of duties in India. He hoped that, the labours of the Indian fiscal commission, which was studying the whole question, would bring some comfort to British manufacturers.

Summing up the world's markets, Mr. Baldwin said they saw little sign of rapidly-increasing trade in the Dominions; they saw in India difficulties placed in the way by tariff, by the fall of the rupee and by unliquidated stocks; they saw Japan in financial troubles and China in political troubles; but they saw in South America signs of improvement, also similar signs in the United States.

Mr. Baldwin added that the cotton trade had to contend with many difficulties which had arisen largely from the fact that great trade with the East and the Indian trade were not only hampered by the Indian tariff, but by the large amount of bills in India which were awaiting liquidation. The industry in Lancashire had faced with great courage and commonsense the cheapening of production necessary to enable it to re-enter the various markets. He hoped that Lancashire had set an example to the country in settling trade disputes without involving the rest of the country.

THE RUSSIAN REPLY.

Suggests Continuation of Negotiations After Genoa.

Genoa, May 11.

M. Chicherin handed Signor Schanzer the Russian reply. The two conversed for three-quarters of an hour. M. Chicherin emphasising that the reply had been prepared under direct instructions from Moscow, and reiterating a desire to continue co-operation with the other delegations.

The reply suggests the appointment of a new special commission to continue negotiations after Genoa.

Russian Reply Partially Satisfactory.

Genoa, May 11.

On a preliminary examination, the Russian reply generally appears unsatisfactory, but from the British and Italian standpoint it is regarded as "one we can get on with."

RUSSIAN'S DEATH IN LONDON.

Due to Natural Causes.

London, May 11.

The inquest on Georges Couzouchev (whose death was reported yesterday) resulted in a verdict of death from natural causes. The post-mortem showed that death was due to heart-disease following a heavy meal and the exertion of hurrying to catch a bus.

The Coroner issued a permit for cremation. The ashes will probably be sent to the widow in Manchuria.

NOTORIETIES AMONG ARRESTED U.S. LABOUR LEADERS.

Deny all Knowledge of Killing of Police.

Chicago, May 11.

The arrested Labour leaders (see Earlier Cable) include "Big Tim" Murphy, president of the Gasworkers' Union, and "Con" Shea, the leader of the historic teamsters' strike in 1914, which resulted in considerable violence. All the men questioned hitherto deny all knowledge of killing the police.

NON-WITHDRAWAL OF JAPANESE TROOPS FROM SIBERIA.

Mr. Chamberlain Attributes it to Breakdown of Dairen Conference.

London, May 11.

In the House of Commons, replying to the Right Hon. George Barnes, Mr. Chamberlain said he understood that it was owing to the breakdown of the Dairen conference that the Japanese Government had been unable hitherto to give effect to their declared intention to withdraw troops from Siberia.

THE ENGINEERING DISPUTE.

Employers Invite Unions to Further Conference.

London, May 12.

Engineering employers have invited representatives of the

SEAMEN'S UNION EX-PRESIDENT.

Arrested by Hongkong Police.

Chan Ping-sang, the former President of the Chinese Seamen's Union, who was recently released from gaol in Canton, came down to Hongkong two days ago and was yesterday arrested by the police, on what precise charge is not yet clear.

It appears that yesterday, at about 1 p.m., a detective paid a visit to the headquarters of the Seamen's Union, where the ex-President was, and stated that he had been given orders to arrest Chan. He accordingly took the ex-President into custody and proceeded with him to the Central Police Station.

This was the story given to a *Telegraph* reporter who visited the Union headquarters this afternoon. The officials of the Union said they had not the slightest idea as to the reason for Chan's arrest, as no statement was made by the detective. They added that they were intending to secure the services of a solicitor for the purpose of ascertaining the nature of the charge against their ex-President and of defending him. It will be recalled that Chan Ping-sang was sentenced in Canton to twelve years' imprisonment for the murder of his wife, but that she subsequently was pardoned by Sun Yat-sen and released.

PEKING NEWS.

A Peking telegram says it is reported that at present there are about 3,000 Fengtien soldiers collected at Leunchow, where they are making trenches for defensive purposes.

Wu Pei-fu has declared that if Chang Tso-lin will retreat with his forces out of Shan-hai-kwan he will agree to a cessation of hostilities.

POLICE STATION SCENE.

Released but Arrested Again.

A man was to-day brought before the Magistrate on a charge of picking the pocket of a comrade, but, owing to the lack of evidence, he was discharged. The incident, however, did not close there. The man still retained doubts as to the genuineness of the release. A sixth sense warned him to look back when he had regained the comparative safety of Arbuthnot Road. His worst fears were realised when he saw a man, who looked to be a detective, still dogging his heels. So he bolted and the detective gave chase and caught him. Bawling and shedding copious tears, with his wife clinging to his coat, the captured one was frog-marched back to the Police Station where there was another charge, only just discovered by the police officers concerned, awaiting him. This was one of returning from banishment before the expiration of his term, which the Inspector had only just discovered on reference to the records. Shrieks rent the air as wife and husband clung to each other and refused to part notwithstanding the persuasions of the perplexed officers. The noise brought out a large crowd from nearby houses and only terminated when the couple were forcibly parted.

BILLIARDS.

Palace Hotel Tourney.

In the above Handicap last night, J. Parkes (—200) beat C. Bond (—75). The final scores were:—J. Parkes, 250; C. Bond, 242.

The highest breaks were:—Parkes 57, 23, 22, 21, 17 and 14; Bond 20, 16, and 15 (three times).

YORKSHIRE'S BIG WIN.

Surrey Also Start Well.

London, May 11.

At Birmingham, Sussex beat Warwickshire by nine wickets. At Cardiff, Yorks beat Glamorgan by an innings and 258 runs. Holmes scoring 138 and Oldroyd 151 not out. In Glamorgan's first innings Macauley took six wickets for 12.

A the Oval, Surrey beat Somerset by ten wickets.

SLIGHT ADVANCE IN H.C.L.

High Price of Food.

London, May 11.

For the first time since prices began to fall in the spring of 1920, there was a small rise, equivalent to 5 per cent., on the general level of wholesale prices in April as compared with March, mainly due to the high prices of food except cereals.

HOLLAND'S WORKING WEEK.

Raised from 45 to 48 Hours.

The Hague, May 11.

The Second Chamber has voted the Bill amending the Working Hours Act. The principal change substitutes a forty-eight hour week for a forty-five hour week. Other amendments are to adapt the Bill to industrial needs.

THE KING AT ZEEBRUGGE.

Inspecting the War Cemeteries.

Brussels, May 11.

Amid a farewell from cheering crowds, King George departed on a tour of the cemeteries. He first visited the cemetery at Zeebrugge, where he inspected the Mole.

BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS FOR APRIL.

Decreases Compared with March.

London, May 11.

The Board of Trade returns for April show: imports, £80,000,000; exports, £55,000,000 compared with £87,000,000 and £64,000,000 respectively in March.

FRESH HOPE IN IRELAND.

Peace Committee to Resume Negotiations.

London, May 12.

Dail Eireann's Peace Committee has agreed to resume negotiations. The House was accordingly adjourned to the 17th inst. The truce continues.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

The forty-ninth ordinary meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., was held to-day at noon. Mr. W. L. Pattenden presided and there were also present Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, (directors) Messrs. C. Montague Ede (General Manager), J. Arnold, R. A. Dastur, H. M. H. Nemaze, F. M. Ellis, A. S. Ellis, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung-shui, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, G. M. Young, W. E. L. Shenton, Leung Yan-po, Ho Leung Chau Tui-nin, Chan Siu-ki, C. C. Hickling, M. S. Northcote, A. H. M. de Silva, Chan Yau-teng, P. Lander, H. C. Gray, A. C. Hay, W. R. Mansfield, P. M. Hodgson, J. Bentley, J. W. Alabar and A. H. K. Cobb (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts were issued on the 1st inst., and as you have thus had the opportunity of reading them, I propose to follow the customary procedure and take them, together with the Auditors' report, as read.

The reports of insurance companies the world over have probably never before been so keenly anticipated as those now making their appearance, which increased interest might be attributed to merchants desiring to possess a more intimate knowledge of the companies to which they look for protection in the course of their business, and also to the considerable notice recently directed to insurance matters by the Press.

Following upon the year 1920 we had ample warning that trade conditions would not permit of insurance companies transacting the same volume of business, and if we are to judge from the expressed opinions of prominent financiers and merchants, no general revival in trade can be expected for some time yet. Until trade revives, it is only to be expected that insurance cannot assume its normal life. This state of affairs need cause no alarm to the shareholders and supporters of such old-established companies as the Society, which in the conduct of their business have in the past built up reserves to meet these and other contingencies.

The Working Account for 1920, after allowing for Bonus to contributors and an Interim Dividend of 24s. per share shows that the balance available for distribution is £431,626. 0. 9. This sum your Directors recommend should be dealt with by the payment of a Final Dividend to shareholders of 16s. per share, by carrying forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the year 1920 the sum of £287,326. 0. 9. and in order that the Bonus Dividend of 20s. per share might be maintained, your Directors further recommend that you acquiesce to their proposal that £55,500 be transferred from Equalization of Dividend Fund Account to the Working Account balance for the year under review.

Anticipating your agreement to this recommendation, I feel it is both advisable and necessary for me to warn you that a continuation of this policy cannot be looked for, and unless conditions improve sufficiently to allow of the 1921 Working Account Balance meeting in full the demands of a 20s. Bonus Dividend, a reduction in this figure is inevitable.

You will not fail to notice that the dividends recommended will absorb approximately £52,000 more than was earned in interest during 1920, a feature seldom paralleled by our competitors.

The balance of the 1921 Working Account is £725,799.13s. from which it is recommended an Interim Dividend of 24s. per share, and the customary Bonus of 20 per cent. to contributors of business, should be paid.

It has been said with truth that a period of prosperity for ship-owners means a period of prosperity for underwriters, and that the reverse is the case during periods of depression. Without showing undue optimism, I may

cycle of years in which both shipowners and underwriters find it difficult to garner the profits to which they have become accustomed during recent years. The wave of trade depression continues, and with it exists an unsatisfactory moral risk which imparts to the routine of insurance business a hazard difficult to estimate and overcome. It is a relief to note that the theft and pilferage problem has materially improved during the past year, but is still by no means satisfactory.

An outstanding feature of post-war years is the extraordinarily severe competition experienced in all of the various forms of insurance now conducted by the Society. Reports, not isolated ones, but similar in trend of thought and expression, continue to reach headquarters from units of your organization, explaining why premium incomes and loss ratios do not show up so favourably as hitherto. Your Directors feel, however, that signs are not wanting that conditions pertaining to the conduct of the business in which we are engaged are inclined to show improvement. The inevitable result is being felt of a large number competing for a restricted volume of business, and the gradual withdrawal of a number of competitors unable or unwilling to maintain the pace, appears to be giving the survivors the opportunity of setting the world's insurance markets in order.

Mr. Young said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—I am sure we are all pleased to receive such a satisfactory account of the Society's business. For many years past we have greatly benefited by the exertions of the General Manager and staff in Hongkong and branches, and should the present depression be the beginning of a cycle of poor years, we can remain confident that the wise and able methods of Mr. Ede and staff, will secure as much of the good business going as is humanly possible. I have very much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

The report and accounts were adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. Nemaze, seconded by Mr. Ho Fook, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, were re-elected directors.

The Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Mr. C. Bernard Brown, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. J. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Chan Siu-ki.

China Fire Insurance.

The fifty-third ordinary meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., was held this morning. Mr. W. L. Pattenden presided and there were also present the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Messrs. G. M. Dodwell (directors), C. Montague Ede (General Manager), P. Lander, H. C. Gray, A. C. Hay, W. R. Mansfield, P. M. Hodgson, J. Bentley, A. H. K. Cobb, B. M. C. de Cunha, V. S. dos Remedios, A. E. S. Alves, V. R. V. Ribeiro, M. A. R. Souza, A. A. Alves and W. Gardner.

The General Manager having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said:—Gentlemen. The report has been in your hands for some time, and, subject to your approval, I will follow the usual procedure, and take it, as well as the auditors' report, as read. The accounts for 1920 show a balance of \$617,272.06 to be dealt with. Your directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows:—Dividend of \$7 and bonus of \$3 per share on 20,000 shares, \$200,000; to transfer to building reserve fund, \$50,000; to carry forward to underwriting suspense account, \$317,272.06. I now move that the directors' report and statement of accounts be adopted.

Mr. Alabaster seconded and the report and accounts were adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. A. A. Alves, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak were re-elected directors, and on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hay, seconded by Mr. A. E. S. Alves, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr was

On the proposition of Mr. de Cunha, seconded by Mr. V. R. V. Ribeiro, Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews and Mr. C. Bernard Brown were re-elected auditors.

Your organization remains much the same as last year, no extensions of particular importance having been made. In all directions, however, the opportunity has been taken of the reduced volume of routine work to overhaul the driving machinery and effect such repairs and renovations as appeared necessary to maintain a high state of efficiency, upon which so largely depends the prompt service expected of us by our friends and supporters.

Prior to the conversion of your capital from silver into sterling in 1919, there were 1,147 holders of the Society's shares. At the present time there are no less than 1,519 shareholders. Your Directors feel that the support accorded to the Society is commensurate with the increase in the number of shareholders, and urge the importance of your personal support and endeavours to influence business.

I record with regret the death of two members of our staff, Mr. W. T. Stacy, a loyal and valued servant, after 15 years' service in Adelaide, as Manager of either the British Traders' Insurance Company's or the Society's Branch Office there, also Mr. T. Fuller, Manager of the Batavia Branch. Our sympathy is extended to their relatives.

Gentlemen, the various Agents of the Society have continued to accord us their generous support, and it need hardly be said that times, such as we are passing, and have passed through, to the utmost the resource and capacity of your staff. We feel confident that you will approve the 15% Bonus which has been voted to the credit of members of the staff holding Provident Fund agreements.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as circulated, and when same have been seconded, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to put.

BOLSHEVIK ACTIVITY AT SHANGHAI.

The Shanghai *Nichi Nichi* is alarmed at the increasing activities of what it describes as the local Russian Communist party. Offices for conducting propaganda among Chinese and Koreans, says the newspaper, have been established all over the Settlements. The Bolsheviks plan not only revolution in Korea and China, but are also engaging the support of the Philippine independence movement.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The O.S.K. advise consignees of the arrival in port of the Seattle Maru.—Page 4.

Attention is drawn to the H.K.V.D.C. rifle meeting on Saturday and Sunday next.—Page 4.

"The Right of Way" is being shown at the Coronet to-night whilst at Kowloon "The Grocery Clerk" and "All Souls' Eve" are the attractions.—Page 12.

The Atlas Maru has arrived from Europe and the O.S.K. give consignees the usual notice.—Page 5.

"Rich Girl Poor Girl" is being shown at the World Theatre to-night.—Page 12.

The Star Ferry Company's meeting takes place on May 2nd.—Page 4.

The Colonial Dispensary advertise prickly heat Lotion.—Page 3. Those interested in the "Rising Sun," Chueng Chau, should see the notice on page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 6.13/16d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—29.83 Temperature—79° Humidity—87. Lightning—Up Time.

Mr. Aksji gives message on scientific lines, based on instruction in anatomical physiology.

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FRENCH LESSONS.

G. MOUSSON,
15, Morrison Hill Road.QUESTIONS IN
PARLIAMENT.

Jocularity over Mesopotamia.

In the House of Commons recently, Mr. Churchill, replying to Col. Wedgwood, said he regretted to state that a Ministerial crisis had arisen in Bagdad. (Laughter.) Five members of the Iraq Cabinet had resigned owing to a divergence of views on the amount of the Army Estimates, and in particular the action to be taken to guard against raids on the southern border, which had been in the meantime satisfactorily dealt with by the Air Force. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was among those who had resigned. (Laughter.) It was known that for some time he had been anxious about his budget. (Laughter.) The Iraq Government was organised on a non-party or coalition basis, so there should be no difficulty in filling the vacancies. (Laughter.) The Press of Bagdad was divided, but the country remained calm.

THE GENOA CONFERENCE.

Mr. Chamberlain informed Mr. Raper that the League of Nations had not been invited to take part in the Genoa Conference, but the Council of the League had authorised the secretary to place at the disposal of the Conference such technical information desired by the Conference as the League might be in a position to supply.

Captain Viscount Curzon asked whether the Government intended to commit the British Empire to any decision at Genoa without Parliament having an opportunity of signifying its assent or otherwise.

Mr. Chamberlain—No, sir.

PRICE OF TEA.

Sir Robert Horne, answering Mr. Grattan Doyle, said he understood that the increased price of tea was due to the reduced production of tea in India.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE.

The Home Secretary, replying to Mr. Grattan Doyle, said he was not aware that there had been any increase in the numbers of murders and crimes of violence of which the perpetrators had not been traced, and he was not contemplating any reorganisation of the police. He had repeatedly drawn the attention of the local police to the importance of asking for assistance from Scotland Yard if required.

SALES OF WAR STORES.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to Mr. Mosley, said the total cash sum received by the Disposals Board for war stores up to February 23 was £227,000,000. This did not include sales of war stores made by other departments.

HOME GROWN SUGAR.

Sir A. Griffith Boscawen announced that, in view of the exceptional circumstances of the new sugar beet industry in this country, and the condition of unemployment, the Government had decided that no Excise duty should be chargeable on home grown sugar. Provision for the remission of the existing duty would be inserted in the next Finance Act. This decision would, of course, not bind any future Government, but it was hoped that until the industry was fairly established, no new duty would be sanctioned by Parliament.

SARTORIAL MATTERS AT GENOA.

Mr. Harmsworth, answering Sir Wm. Davison, said he was not aware the Russian Soviet Government made a grant of 150,000 roubles to each of the Soviet delegates who are to attend the Genoa conference for the purchase of suitable attire to wear during the conference. It was not anticipated that the charge on the British funds in connection with the conference would be great, as the British delegates were to be the guests of the Italian Government. Certain members of the subordinate staff would receive a small outfit allowance of £15 each.

SAFEGUARDING OF INDUSTRIES ACT.

Mr. A. Williams asked if the Prime Minister was aware the sum collected under the Safeguarding of Industries Act for the six months just expired amounted only to £134,000; and whether, in view of the smallness of the amount, he was prepared to consider the amending or repealing of the Act even if that course involved the granting of a subsidy to any commodity which might be considered essential for the safety of the Empire.

Mr. Baldwin said the amount of duty collected was £141,000;

but the raising of the duty was not the primary object of this tax. The answer to the last part of the question was in the negative.

A QUERY ABOUT CONFERENCES.

Asked by Sir R. Clough whether during the negotiations at Genoa the Prime Minister would bear in mind the general wish of the people in this country for some sort of finality in regard to the holding of these conferences, and would attempt to secure some sort of practical result to conferences already held before the country was committed to embark on others.

Mr. Chamberlain replied in the affirmative.

ULSTER BATTALIONS IN THE
BRITISH ARMY.

Sir J. Worthington Evans informed Viscount Curzon that it was the intention of the Government to retain in the British Army Ulster—Two battalions of the Ulster Rifles, one battalion each of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Royal Irish Fusiliers.

MILITARY TITLES.

Sir L. Worthington Evans, replying to Mr. Simm, said he did not think any satisfactory means could be devised for carrying out the suggestion of the hon. member that definite steps should be taken to protect the value of military titles by devising a distinction between titles held by officers connected with the fighting force, by those who had been or were connected only with home service, and those engaged in the Salvation Army.

CASUALTIES IN BELFAST.

Mr. Churchill, replying to Mr. Hogge, said that between February 10 and March 26 the number of casualties in the disturbances in Belfast were as follows:—

Protestants:—Killed, 32; wounded, 86.

Catholics:—Killed, 51; wounded, 115.

In addition one military officer and six police, of whom three were Catholics, were killed, and a number wounded.

SUNDAY LETTERS.

Mr. Kellaway informed Major Sir Keith Fraser that the question of providing a Sunday collection and dispatch of letters was now under consideration.

TO AMEND ASSURANCE
COMPANIES ACT.

Mr. Stanley Holmes was granted leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Assurance Companies Act 1909 with respect to the information supplied by such companies in the annual accounts with regard to investments. He said it was clear from the statement of the Official Receiver that the failure of the City Equitable Assurance Company was due to the improper investment of its funds.

His Bill proposed to impose a statutory obligation on all assurance companies to publish full details of all their investments with a view to preventing a repetition of the present disastrous collapse. The Bill was read a first time.

MILK SITUATION SERIOUS.

Mr. Hord asked the Minister of Agriculture if a very serious situation would not arise if large numbers of milk producers were driven out of business because of the large margin between the cost received by the producer and the cost paid by the consumer.

Sir Arthur Boscawen said he thought the situation was serious, and he was giving it most anxious attention in consultation with both producers and distributors, but he had no power to intervene, either to control prices or to check them.

CARRYING OF ARMS IN
IRELAND.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, replying to Viscount Curzon, said the Provisional Government of the Irish Free State were at the present time considering the question of issuing a regulation governing the carrying of arms.

THE OLD STYLE OF
CEMENT BIFOCALS

with their disfiguring and annoying dividing line has been supplanted by a new lens with two foci called Kryptok invisible bifocal lens. The upper portion of the glass for distance and the lower for reading, ground from one single piece of glass. The Hongkong Optical Co., successors to Clark & Co., refracting and manufacturing opticians, the most competent optical manufacturing establishment in the colony—located in 53, Queen's Road Central, manufacture this kind of invisible bifocal lens on all prescriptions in either regular or Toric forms.



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To Let.—One new big OFFICE ROOM in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation new premises. Apply SANG KEE c/o Compradore Department, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

SANG KEE
Hongkong, 29th. April, 1922.

TO LET.—Well-equipped five-roomed modern house furnished, higher levels. Telephone, modern conveniences, tennis lawn, gardens, beautiful situation. Rent moderate. P.O. Box No. 485, Hongkong.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—One practically new Semi-Diesel motor 175 H.P. 2 cylinders 275 R.P.M., together with complete set of spare parts in perfect running order. Can be seen on application to The Far East Oxygen & Acetylene Co. Ltd.

FOR SALE.—Bentley's complete phrase code, pocket edition, price \$15.00. Full size, price \$20.00 per copy. Apply to S. & Co., British Post Office, Box No. 332 Shanghai.

FOR SALE.—One building situated on I.L. 1891, Kennedy Town. Can be used as Factory or Godown. For particulars apply to THE FAR EAST OXYGEN & ACETYLENE Co., Ltd.

FOR HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Sole for Hongkong and Haiphong every alternate Tuesday.
The favorite passenger steamer
"HAI-NUN"
(Capt. Charles E. Page).
Leaves Hongkong every 30th May, (at noon).

NOTICE.

Owing to the advancing cost of newspaper production, it has been decided to make an increased charge of 20 per cent. on present rates, as from April 1st, 1922, on the following descriptions of casual advertisements, namely:—
Government Notifications.
Municipal Notifications.
Official Notifications.
Legal Notices.
Company Notifications.
Association, Club and Society Notices.
This, of course, does not affect the charges made for contract spaces held by commercial firms or for small "Want" advertisements.

NOTICE.

Cheung Chau.—Will those interested in the "Rising Sun", Cheung Chau, kindly attend at Donnelly & Whyte's offices, 2 Queen's Buildings, at 5 p.m. on Friday, 26th. May.

H. K. V. D. C.

RIFLE MEETING.

Open Machine Gun Competition, 1 p.m., Saturday, May 13th. All-Comers Rifle Competition from 9 a.m. Sunday May 14th. Stonewallers Rifle Range. Launches leave Murray Pier 12 noon, Saturday, and 8 a.m. Sunday.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-FORTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on TUESDAY, the 23rd May, 1922, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to April 30th, 1922.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 17th. May, 1922, to Tuesday, the 23rd. May, 1922, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors, F. H. CRAPPELL, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, 12th. May, 1922.

FOR SALE.

ABSOLUTELY NEW

- Two 80 B.H.P. Single Cylinder Bolinder Oil Engines, Revs. 225 per minute.
 - Two 50 B.H.P. two cylinder Bolinder Oil Engines direct connected to 25 KW.115 Volt direct current (compound wound) dynamo complete with back of board field rheostat for each machine.
 - Two oil fuel tanks capacity of each 20 tons.
- Apply to Bolinders, c/o this Paper.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

From YOKOHAMA via NAGOYA, KOBE & NAGASAKI.
The Company's Steamship "SEATTLE MARU" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed. Goods not cleared by the 18th. May, 1922, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' representatives and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and Saturday. All claims must be presented within Ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance whatever will be effected. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately. OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, Y. YASUDA, Manager.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday, the 13th. May, 1922, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 400 Canton Road, Mongkoktsui
One Steam Engine (from a.s. Hongkong)
H.P. —1400
Cylinders —23, 33, 54
Stroke —40"
Also
3 Shafts (no tail) and 1 gearing shaft
6 Lengths Anchor chain
1 Donkey Pump
6 Davits
etc., etc., etc.
Inspection orders on application.
Terms—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

Messrs. LAMMERT BROS. are instructed to sell

The Steamship
"KAM MA"
Now lying off Shamshipo under an Order of the Court by
PUBLIC AUCTION
on
TUESDAY
The 16th. day of May, 1922, at 3 o'clock p.m.
In one lot
At their Auction Rooms in Duddell Street.

The ship is a wooden ship of approximately 1,800 tons capacity with accommodation for about 800 Chinese passengers.
Length 232 ft. or thereabouts
Beam 25 ft. or thereabouts
For particulars to view apply to Messrs. Lammert Bros, the Auctioneers.
For further particulars apply to Messrs. JOHN S. STOKES and MASTER, Prince's Buildings, or to Messrs. LAMMERT BROS., the Auctioneers, Duddell Street.

FOR SALE.

One Victrola in first class condition with 80 Records. Apply to
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Duddell Street.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

M. L. HON FAN, a Chinese graduate of the University of London, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in the Colony for ten years.
He has a good method of teaching Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka.
Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write care of "The Hongkong Telegraph" Office or direct to No. 192, Queen's Road, Central second floor.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

We have this day, removed our office to No. 1, Des Voeux Road, Central, above Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon & Harston's office.
ARRATON V. APCAR & Co.
Hongkong, 1st. May, 1922.

WE ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF OUR NEW WORKSHOP IN HONGKONG AT 145 PRAYA E.

MOTOR ENGINEERS
GENERAL REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS OF MACHINERY.
SPECIALISTS IN MOTOR CARS
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IGNITION
BARGAINS IN NEW AND USED MOTOR CARS AND MOTORCYCLES
REEVES & CO.
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G. R. NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 15th. day of May, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Victoria Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.
PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Area in Acres	Area in Hectares
1	Victoria Road	As per sale plan.	1.000	1.000	1.000

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 15th. day of May, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshipo in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st. July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years, less 3 days.
PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Area in Acres	Area in Hectares
1	Shamshipo	As per sale plan.	1.000	1.000	1.000

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 15th. day of May, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of four Lots of Crown Land on spur between West Bay and Repulse Bay in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.
PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Area in Acres	Area in Hectares
1	West Bay	As per sale plan.	1.000	1.000	1.000
2	West Bay	As per sale plan.	1.000	1.000	1.000
3	West Bay	As per sale plan.	1.000	1.000	1.000
4	West Bay	As per sale plan.	1.000	1.000	1.000

FOR SALE.

STEAM LAUNCH.

Dimensions.—Length Overall 65ft., Beam 10 ft., Depth 5 ft., 7 inches. Hull of Hardwood underwater with Teak top sides and deck. Frames of Ipo.
Engines 6½" x 15"
Boiler 4 ft. 9 inches dia., 6 ft. 6 inches long. Speed 9 knots.
For further particulars apply to P.O. Box No. 474, Hongkong.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

The Forty-first Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong on Tuesday, 13rd. May, 1922, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 16th. May to 6th June, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.

FOR SALE.

DOCK PUMPING PLANT.

MAIN PUMPS
2 Vertical Compound Tandem Steam Engines direct coupled to Centrifugal Pumps with Cast Iron Impellers about 5 ft. dia. Suction and discharge pipes and Valves 27" dia.
H. P. Cylinders—14" diameter. L. P. Cylinders—24" diameter; stroke 16". Steam pressure 160 lbs.
Makers—Gwynne's Limited, London.

DRAIN PUMPS
1 Vertical Duplex Pump of Worthington Type. Steam Cylinders 14" dia. Stroke 12". Double-acting. Suction pipes 9" dia. Discharge pipes 8" dia.
1 Horizontal Simplex Double-acting Pump. Steam Cylinder 18", Water Cylinder 13". Stroke 20". Suction pipes 10" dia. Discharge Pipes 9½" dia.

CONDENSING PLANT
Consisting of Condenser with about 2,400 sq. ft. of cooling surface, Steam Driven combined Air and Circulating pumps, Steam Cylinders 20" x 17 x 14 Stroke. Air pump 25½" diameter x 14" stroke. Circulating pump 18½" dia. x 14" stroke. Makers—W. H. Allen & Co. Bedford.

BOILERS
2 Horizontal Marine type Return-tube Boilers, 8'3" Dia. length 9 ft. each with 2 plain Furnaces and common combustion chamber, also large Steam Dome on top. Working pressure 100 lbs. per sq. inch.
Makers—The Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd. Hongkong.

BOILER FEED PUMPS
of Worthington Duplex Type. Steam Cylinders 5½" x Water Cylinder 3½" x Stroke 5".
With all necessary Steam and Exhaust pipes, and suction and Discharge pipes to make a complete Pumping Plant.
All the above are in good working order, and can be inspected at Kowloon Dock by arrangement.
For further particulars, apply to the Superintendent Engineer, Kowloon Dock.
THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO. LTD.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 19th. May, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st. December, 1921.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 5th to the 19th. May 1922, both days inclusive.

At this Meeting a Resolution will be proposed dealing with the remuneration to the Consulting Committee.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.
Hongkong, 29th. April, 1922.

THE COWIE HARBOUR COAL COMPANY LIMITED.

The undersigned are prepared to quote prices for best quality freshly mined SILIMPON COAL, trimmed into Bunkers at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo) or to contract for regular Bunker Supplies for 6 or 12 months at favourable rates.

Steamers calling at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN exclusively for Bunkers are exempt from payment of ordinary Port Charges. The minimum draft of water alongside the Company's Wharf at Sebatik is 28 feet at low water Spring Tides. Charts of Cowie Bay (Sebatik Harbour) and any required information concerning the port can be had on application to
BRADLEY & CO. LTD.
Agents,
The COWIE HARBOUR COAL CO. LTD.

NOTICE.

Mr. GEORGE MASON LAKIN having resigned his position in our office his authority to sign our name for procuration is cancelled.
Dated this Tenth day of May 1922.

HONGKONG HOTEL STORES

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THE BOOKSHELF.

(By "Librarian").

COL. REPINGTON AGAIN.

Col. Repington's war-book made some stir by its outspokenness. This new volume, "After the War: A Diary" (Constable, 21s.), is marked by similar characteristics. The former *Times* military correspondent is a much-travelled man, having visited—in more than the tourist sense—all the chief European capitals, also Washington and New York.

The author's interviews with European statesmen, even when the incidents discussed have lost their insincerity, are useful indications of political attitude and mental habit—quite apart from the cases in which Colonel Repington seems to have reproduced more than his interlocutors can have intended to see the light.

Beginning a tour of Europe in January of last year, Colonel Repington found already in countries like Italy and Greece an impression that French policy was heading for isolation, and had become divorced from realities. Nor was there anything to contradict it in a conversation with members of the Reparations Commission in Berlin in the following summer. He says:

Briefly stated, these experts of the delegation of the Reparations Commission do not believe in reparations. They say that Germany can pay only in gold or in goods. There is no gold to speak of, so goods must pay. Therefore goods must be not only exported, but sold, for it is not the exported goods but the sold goods that produce the reparations money. So Germany will swamp all the markets which are open to her, depress our home trade by underselling it, and end with a dominant commercial position. . . . If Protectionist tariffs keep out German goods, then Germany cannot pay. We cannot have it both ways, but we are trying to do so.

There is a remarkable conversation described here, in which Pétain thought that we should occupy and exploit the Rhineland first, and if taking it over and taxing it were of no avail, we should send the whole German population over the Rhine and replace it by the French *milites de guerre*. This plan was similar to the German plans for Northern France, which the French had discovered, but had not yet published. They would do so when the time came, to show that they were taking a leaf out of a German book.

When the scene was transferred to Washington in November, the French segregation from the world's mind and experience was even more conspicuously revealed; the author sums it up by saying: "The French have been entirely out of the picture."

Repington furnishes many of his most significant memoranda. Thus Dr. Beneš, the Czech statesman (who speaks of large German loans offered both to his own country and to Rumania), outlines a scheme for a political and economic federation of Central Europe, to embrace Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, Rumania, Poland, Bulgaria, Austria, and Hungary. Meanwhile Eastern Europe is described as flooded with commercial agents from America, while British pioneers in the same regions are "sick about the drastic cutting down of the Overseas Trade staff in London." Colonel Repington is suspicious of Bulgarian military preparations being masked under labour conscription, and reports his impression that Stamboulisky, the peasant dictator of that country, lives under chronic fear of being assassinated. A story is recorded which purports to throw light upon Austrian sources of information for the first three years of war.

It seems that the Italian Ambassador at Petrograd, being unable to advise his Government by the telegraph, was given the use of the Russian wireless every day, and sent detailed reports of everything that was happening, including strengths and disposition of Allied troops. He sent them, of course, in cipher. But when Italy entered the war she had published a Red Book to defend her action. Owing to inexcusable oversight, the telegrams published were not paraphrased, but were word for word as sent. The Austrians had kept the tapes with the Italian cipher messages, and the Red Book enabled them to read the Italian cipher.

Col. Repington has something to say of the general aspects of the big cities, and evidently New York is no favourite of his. At the recent sale at Sotheby's of the famous Britwell Court library, a copy of William Webber's "A Discourse of English Poetries" (1586) was bought for £1,100, and £1,950 was paid for a copy of Willoughby's "Willoughby His Avise" (1594). Only two other copies are known, that in the British Museum and that formerly in the Huth Library. The work contains the earliest mention of Shakespeare's "The Rape of Lucrece."

Lord Dunsany, who has been known hitherto chiefly as a writer of plays and fantasies, has now written a novel, which Putnam are publishing.

Max Pemberton has written a new story, "Paulina," which will appear with Cassells.

TAXI-DRIVERS AND JUDGES.—Taxi-drivers are more independent than judges, and the latter are more dependent than taxi-drivers.

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The M. S. "MALAYA"

will be loading for Dunkirk, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen and other Scandinavian Ports, about 7th. June.

Further Sailings:—

Expected on or about.	Will leave for above ports on or about.
S. S. "TRANSVAAL" 20th May	27th June
M. S. "JAVA" 10th. June	18th. July
M. S. "PERU" 23th. June	1st. August
M. S. "AFRIKA" 24th. July	1st. September

Subject to change without notice.
For further particulars please apply to—
MANNERS & BACKHOUSE, LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th. April, 1922.

SIAMESE STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Sailings from Hongkong:—

For	Steamers	To Sail
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Pin Samud	13th May at noon.
BANGKOK	Sri Samud	14th May at noon.

For further particulars apply to—

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Agents. Tel. 35

KERR STEAMSHIP CO., INC.

Service to New York, via
Panama Canal

S.S. "GRANDE GAARD"

For Manila and New York, sailing on or about
the 30th. May.

For freight and particulars, apply to

SEWAN TOMES & CO.
Agents.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship
"SILVER STATE"
having arrived from Seattle, via
ports, on May 7th, consignees
are hereby notified that their
cargo is being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of The Hon
Shan Godown Co., Nos. 1 & 2,
Dundas Street, Yaumati, and
stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must pro-
duce an Import Permit signed by
the Superintendent of Imports
and Exports, Hongkong, before
Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed.

All broken, chafed and damag-
ed cargo is to be left in the Go-
dows, where it will be examined
at 9.30 a.m. on May 13th, by the
Company's Surveyors, Messrs.
Anderson and Ash.

All claims must be presented
within thirty days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognised. No Claims
will be recognised after the goods
have left the Godowns, and cargo
undelivered on and after May
15th will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.,
United States Shipping Board
Emergency Fleet Corporation,
Managing Agents,

THE ADMIRAL LINE.
5th. Floor, Union Building,
Hongkong, May 8th, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NANYO YUSEN KAISHA, LTD.

The Steamship
"BORNEO MARU"

having arrived from the above
ports, consignees of cargo by her
are hereby notified that all
goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Company, Limited,
whence, and/or from the wharves,
delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 14th.
May, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damag-
ed packages are to be left in the
Godowns where they will be
examined at 10 a.m. on the 14th.
May. Claims against the steamer
must be presented within 10
days of arrival otherwise they
will not be recognized.

No fire Insurance will be effec-
ted by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by.

NANYO YUSEN KAISHA, LTD.
Hongkong, 8th. May, 1922.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FROM EUROPE & STRAITS.

The Company's Steamship
"MISHIMA MARU"

having arrived from the above
ports, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at
their risk in the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon,
where each consignment will be
sorted out mark by mark and
delivery can be obtained as soon
as the goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried
on unless instructions are given
to the contrary before Noon,
To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 17th.
May, 1922, will be subject to
rent.

Damaged packages must be
left in the godowns for examina-
tion by the consignees' and the
Co's representatives at an
appointed hour on Tuesday and
Friday. All claims must be
presented within ten days of the
steamer's arrival here, after which
date they cannot be recognis-
ed. No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Agents,
Hongkong, 10th. May, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

From HAMBURG via
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM
& SINGAPORE.

The Company's Steamship
"ATLAS MARU"

having arrived from the above
ports, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby notified that their goods
are being landed and placed at
their risk in the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon,
where delivery can be obtained
as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 13th.
May, 1922 will be subject to
rent.

Damaged packages must be
left in the Godowns for examina-
tion by the Consignees' rep-
resentatives and the Company's
Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and
Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Wednes-
day and Saturday. All Claims
must be presented within Ten
days of the steamer's arrival here,
after which date they cannot be
recognized. No claim will be
admitted after the goods have
left the Godowns.

No fire insurance whatever will
be effected.

Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature immediately.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
Y. YASUDA,
Manager,
Hongkong, 11th. May, 1922.

RETURNED NATIVE MISSIONARY.

Dr. T. L. Liu recently returned
to Mukden, after about two years
post-graduate medical study in
Edinburgh. He is a native of
Kao-chiao, an out-station of the
Chinchou district of the Irish
Presbyterian Mission, and comes
from a family of literati, being a
good Chinese scholar himself.
He was a pupil in the Christian
Boys' School at Chinchou, and
during his medical training he
went to a conference at Pei-tai-
ho, which awoke in him an
evangelistic zeal which remained
active during his stay in Edin-
burgh with his companion in
study, Dr. Kao. He may take a
share in the teaching of the Muk-
den Medical College.

WHAT WE ACTUALLY SEE.

Some Optical Delusions.
At the Old Palace, Chester,
Bishop Mercer delivered an
instructive lecture upon "What
it is we actually see."

Bishop Mercer stated that he
had read a good deal of meta-
physics in his time, and he really
did wonder at times where he
was; whether he was the only
being in existence and everyone
else simply figments of his own
brain, or whether they had the
same measure of existence as he
had. He was not going to go as
deep at that, but there were some
very big questions, and he wanted
to introduce one of them that
night. His object was to arouse
in those present a sense of the
mystery of existence. Our ordi-
nary humdrum life day after day
seemed so "on the top" as it
were, but underneath there were
depths and depths, and they
simply could not come to any
bottom. What did we actually
see when we were looking out on
the world? He was not going to
be metaphysical in giving the
answer, but was going to take the
ordinary standpoint of modern
science, which speaks in terms of
what we call force, matter and
energy, and matter more particu-
larly. He would suppose there
is a thing called ether, and would
take it for granted that it is some-
thing that has waves in it; that
can carry waves. What those
waves might be he did not know.
He would assume that light—the
sense of light—was aroused in
them by waves or undulations
in this marvellous medium, called
ether. He expected they thought
when they were looking at him
that they saw him. They were
absolutely mistaken, and could
not be further away from the
fact. The only thing they saw was
wave motion in the ether. They
never saw the real thing, they
simply saw some wave motion
that was sent back to them from
the thing they imagined they
were looking at. There is no such
thing as light in Nature without
an eye to interpret undulation
with that kind of sensation we
called the sensation of light. The
world, from the point of view of
light and darkness, is a place
with no light in it at all, apart
from eyes, which somehow or
other turned undulation into the
sensation of light. It was a very
startling thing if they reflected
upon it for a moment.

"Nobody sees anything; all they
see are undulations of the ether
sent back from an object to their
eyes and then interpreted in the
sensation of colour or light." As
an instance he mentioned the
mirages seen by travellers in the
deserts. Poor thirsty, worn
travellers saw palm trees away
on the horizon, and they knew
that where there were palm trees
there was water. They
went towards it, and the whole
thing vanished. Those observers
had no possible way of knowing
that those were not real trees;
they had every possible appear-
ance of being the actual thing.
What did the traveller see? Sim-
ply reflected rays of light, and
they gave him a full-blooded
appearance of a palm grove, and
yet there was nothing there!
That was an illustration of what
he meant when he said that when
we are looking at a thing we saw
nothing but the light that was
reflected from it. A large per-
centage of the most wonderful
conjuring tricks were managed
by mirrors. They saw a body
suspended in the air, and a hoop
was passed over it to show it was
not suspended by anything; peo-
ple thought they were looking at
the body. They were doing
nothing of the kind; they were
looking at the reflection in the
mirrors. When anyone played a
piano the notes moved the keys,
which caused the wires to vibrate,
which in their turn caused vibra-
tions in the air. These vibrations

struck the ear and were conveyed
to the brain, and in some way
interpreted by the brain as
sound. Either was infinitely
more subtle than that, and
light rays travelled through it at
over 186,000 miles per second.
When people said an article was
a certain colour, it was, as a
matter of fact, every colour ex-
cept that. Certain of the rays of
light striking an object
were absorbed, and others
were rejected, and the ones
that were rejected were the
ones that struck the eye and
formed the colour of the object.
It was very curious, but it was a
fact. It was convenient to say
that an object was green, but
what was really meant was that
the green rays were reflected
from the object to the eye, and
thus the object was seen. The
more black an object was shown
that more complete was the
absorption of the rays, and if an

object completely absorbed the
rays it would appear as if there
was nothing there. He pointed
out that leaves, etc., appeared
green by day, but at night, when
there were no rays about, they
could not be seen. He did not
want to go into the metaphysics
of nature, but to give those pre-
sent some slight knowledge of
the strange world where things
were "turned topsy-turvy," and
where there were problems and
problems until they did not know
where to pull up. In conclusion
he said that no one saw matter.
All they saw was waves in ether
and all they saw was what mat-
ter rejected and thrown off. The
colours that people interpreted
simply were that the rays struck
an object and were reflected on
to the eye. They were carried
to the brain by nerve vibration,
and in the brain they were inter-
preted into what was called
colour.

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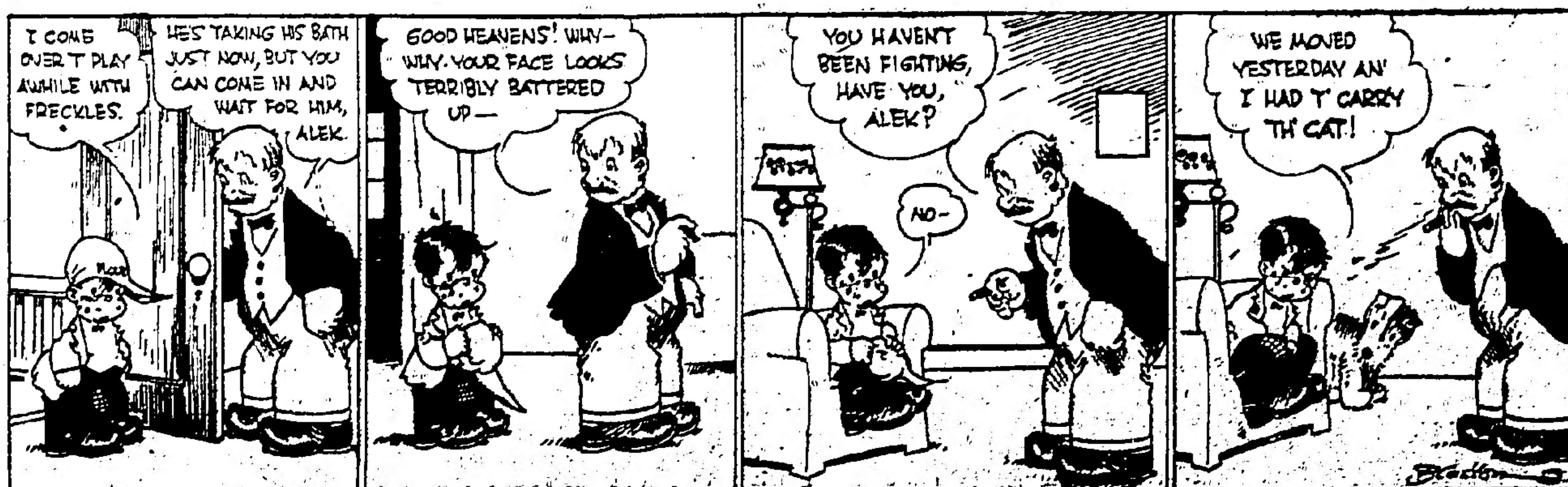
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THE COLONY'S TRADE.

Imports and Exports Figures.

NEARLY FIFTY PER CENT. DROP.

The advance of imports and exports figures for the first quarter of 1922, which a *Telegraph* reporter has been privileged to see, shows a drop, as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, of nearly fifty per cent. The total value of imports being £10,007,229 against £19,349,311 and the total value of exports £9,940,340 against £17,132,811.

The figures being given in sterling, the rate of exchange is responsible to a slight extent for the decrease. This year the rates taken were 2/4 for January, 2/3 1/4 for February and 2/3 for March, while last year they were 3/1 1/4, 2/3 1/2 and 2/4 respectively. Then, again, the strike is perhaps responsible to some degree for the falling off, but the labour trouble ended early in March and when the ships began to get away again they took away the goods which had been lying up here. In fact, our representative was informed on good authority that the strike probably made very little difference to the imports and exports figures. Also, during the strike the exportation of rice, coal and flour was prohibited,

but when this was abolished these commodities were exported in greater quantities and so that probably made very little difference on the quarter's figures. It is interesting to note, however, that the number of vessels to come into port for this quarter, both ocean-going and river craft, is only 1,287, representing a total of 2,310,913 tons, against 2,237 ships, representing a total of 3,004,401 tons, for the corresponding quarter last year.

With regard to imports, coal dropped from £583,158 to £257,757, while the import of flour increased from £446,209 to £757,998. The value of kerosene imported dropped over half a million pounds sterling, from £934,847 to £406,742. White rice decreased from £2,239,557 to £726,979, a drop of nearly two and a half million pounds sterling. There was a big drop, too, in the value of raw sugar; from £2,275,375 to £911,161, a decrease of £1,364,214.

The chief decreases in the Colony's exports were in white rice and raw sugar. The former dropped in value from £1,722,666 to £635,258, a decrease of over a million pounds, and the latter from £1,393,214 to £642,347, another decrease of over a million sterling.

A summary of the imports and exports figures to the various countries is given below. These figures are in pounds sterling and do not include treasure.

IMPORTS.		
	1st. Qr., 1922.	1st. Qr., 1921.
United Kingdom	1,288,541	3,039,956
British Dominions and Possessions	1,137,276	1,919,308
China	1,267,877	2,374,294
Japan, Korea and Formosa	1,168,029	1,800,395
Other Foreign countries	5,145,503	10,265,373
Total	£10,007,229	£19,349,311
EXPORTS.		
	1st. Qr., 1922.	1st. Qr., 1921.
United Kingdom	107,364	203,780
British Dominions and Possessions	1,023,474	1,891,725
China	6,323,265	10,840,750
Japan, Korea and Formosa	473,116	806,921
Other Foreign countries	2,013,321	3,387,634
Total	£9,940,540	£17,132,811

ARMED GANG.

Caught by Police.

A desperate struggle lasting for seven minutes resulted when detectives under the command of Sergeant Greig, from the Samshui Station, last night surrounded a gang of armed men who were on the point of committing an armed robbery on a house at Samshui. Ten officers were engaged in the work, but notwithstanding the advantage which this preponderance in number gave them, they found it a difficult task. The robbers had realised their desperate position, and therefore struggled hard for freedom, with the result that two of the gang of five succeeded in making their escape. On being searched each of the three captured men was discovered to be armed with a dagger. Other articles discovered were a nasty-looking pair of scissors, with the ends sharpened to a fine point, and two toy pistols which would be effective in the dark in frightening victims. The prisoners were brought before the Court this morning and remanded on the application of Sub-Inspector Tom Pitt, who has charge of the case.

PATHOS AND HUMOUR.

Kowloon Theatre's New Programme.

The haunting beauty and sadness of Ireland give a charm and pathos to this evening's Kowloon Theatre attraction, "All Souls' Eve," a 6-part Realist picture which takes for its theme the touching Irish legend that spirits of loved ones return for brief communion with the living.

Adapted from the stage success by Anne Crawford Flexner, this clever photoplay gives Mary Miles Minter a dual role which she plays with rare sweetness and appeal. Jack Holt plays the part of the young sculptor with great effect, and Carmen Phillips as usual makes a success of the vampire role.

The story concerns a jealous woman who plants the little seed of discord that quickly brings a disaster which, however, the miracle of 'All Souls' Eve' eventually repairs. Staged partly in Ireland and partly in America, this touching photoplay offers some unusually fine settings.

In happy contrast to the pathos of "All Souls' Eve" is the rollicking fun of "The Grocery Clerk," Harry Semon's latest comedy. Enough it is to add that the humour of the engaging Larry was never more irresistible.

DAY BY DAY.

The plague epidemic has spread to the Central district. A case was this morning discovered in a tenement opposite the General Police Station.

The butchers of Canton have petitioned the Bureau of Public Utilities for permission to form a Union based on the regulations of the Butchers' Union at Hongkong. The Bureau is investigating the matter.

The Swatow Stock Exchange has become bankrupt according to a report in the *Car on Times*. The manager of the Exchange has petitioned the Governor to refund \$200,000 which sum they deposited with the Provincial Treasury as guarantee.

The *Canton Times* says that according to correspondence from Pakhoi, several crocodiles have appeared along the shore of Pakhoi harbour, causing considerable trouble in the vicinity of that port. These monsters appear in the mornings and evenings devouring pigs, cattle and other domesticated animals. Over 20 head of animals had been lost and several fishermen were badly injured. The fishing industry is practically suspended, causing hardship great among the people there.

MADAME FLINT.

Brings Action Against Ex-Employee.

Madame Flint brought a successful action against an ex-employee, Kong Hum, in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Wood, this afternoon. The claim was for \$38.05, being the balance due in respect of money advanced.

The case for plaintiff was conducted by Mr. F.X.D'Almada. Defendant, who admitted the debt, was not legally represented. Judgment having been given for Madame Flint, Mr. D'Almada said that when defendant was working for plaintiff he was also working for Madame Flint's head dressmaker, who was doing outside work. Madame Flint objected to the head dressmaker doing that outside work because she was taking away custom which would otherwise come to plaintiff.

His Honour asked what Mr. D'Almada wanted.

Mr. D'Almada—I want him to admit that, because I want to use his evidence afterwards.

His Honour—Then you can see him outside.

CHINA'S RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

Government a Model Employer.

INTERESTING STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS.

Peking, April 26. The following statement regarding the treatment given to Chinese Government railway employees has been issued by the Ministry of Communications:

From time to time the public has been kept informed of the progressiveness of the Ministry of Communications as well as the improvements on the Chinese Government Railways, but it is not so well known that the thousands of employees of these railways are liberally treated by their employers.

The Chinese system of railway accounting has been highly commended by a London expert and he has advised the South African Government to adopt it in its entirety. Between 1915 and 1919 the railway revenues increased from fifty-seven to eighty-three million dollars, while the operating expenses for the corresponding period increased from thirty to only thirty-eight million dollars.

Such a satisfactory result is due no doubt to the loyal co-operation of the railway employees, and in turn they have been encouraged by the Ministry of Communications to do their best.

For example, not only are railway training schools provided but there are also schools for the education of the employees' children. In this way both the employee and his children are intellectually looked after, and in the case of the skilled labourer this means that he is given full opportunity to equip himself as a technician of a better class.

THIRTY-SEVEN SCHOOLS.

Since 1913, when the experiment was first started, no less than twenty-five middle and primary schools as well as twelve railway training schools have been established, with a total enrolment of 6,000 students and involving an aggregate expenditure of \$110,770. For the greater enlightenment of the skilled labourer, a fortnightly magazine is published in the popular style of print and lecturers are sent to give helpful talks to the men all along the lines, with the aid of lantern slides, moving pictures and gramophone records. The lectures are well attended, the audiences frequently exceeding a thousand men.

Loyalty in service is appreciated and after so many years' faithful service in the railway each employee is entitled to a liberal pension for the rest of his life. This is so far a distinct departure in Chinese Government service save in the exceptional case, perhaps, of the Maritime Customs Service.

Further, to enable the employee to lay up something for a rainy day, savings banks are established. And the way these men have responded shows that, given the incentive to save and to be frugal, they will do so and will put away their savings in interest-bearing savings bank accounts.

NEW SCHEMES AFOOT.

The above are things which are already within the reach of every railway employee. In further encouragement of these deserving employees, the Ministry of Communications has in contemplation the execution of the following plans:

(1) A system of co-operative stores where the employees themselves will be the shareholders as well as the customers. This is intended to relieve the increasingly high cost of living by enabling the labourer to procure the necessities of life at practically cost price.

(2) A system of insurance (A) against disability due to accidents sustained in the course of railway employment, (B) against sickness, and (C) against loss of life, so that in the event of emergency the employee will not be helpless or destitute.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S SECRET FUND.

Thirty Million Dollars For Diplomatic Emergencies.

The U. S. Senate has passed the annual appropriation Bill for the support of the State Justice departments, adding among other things, \$50,000,000 for the President's secret fund for diplomatic emergencies, \$150,000,000 for the enforcement of prohibition, and \$47,500,000 for the American representatives on the Chinese Tariff Commission.

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

A large proportion of old Blues in later years have become clergymen; certainly five or six times the number of those who have taken up the legal profession. When the jubilee dinner was held in 1831 at the Freemasons' Tavern, presided over by Mr. J. W. Chitty, Q.C., M.P., there was hung over a chair the jersey won by the veteran Bishop of St. Andrews in the 1829 race as a special representative on the occasion. There were 370 survivors of races in England, 200 sat down, while the absentees included 40 clergymen who were detained by the duties of Lent.

Josefa and Rosa, the famous American twins, who have passed away, were a replica of the original Siamese pair Chang and Eng, for the latter male twins were also united by a cartilaginous band. Millie and Christine, the negro twins born in North Carolina in 1831, had a much more united existence, for although wholly distinct in the upper part of the body, they were one in the lower part of the spinal column, the four legs obeying nerves from a common centre. By their singing and dancing Millie-Christine won considerable renown, gaining the sobriquet of "The two-headed nightingale."

Probably the greatest distance any human being has fallen without being killed is that recorded on a tablet at the foot of the cliffs which enclose Lulworth Cove, Dorsetshire. This tablet states that a little girl, 11 years of age, on September 7, 1892, fell from the top of the cliffs to the beach, a vertical distance of 380 feet, and "miraculously" escaped without sustaining life-long injury. Sir Frederick Treves, the famous surgeon, was on the beach at the time, and attended to the child's injuries at the coastguard boathouse. He attributed her incredible escape without permanent ill-effect to the fact that her back was to the cliff as she fell, and that her fall was occasionally stayed for a second or so by her clothing catching in projections on the cliff face.

Science is determined to deprive us even of our jokes. Reports from Prague tell us that Dr. Horack, who has been for years experimenting in the production of unbreakable glass, was able recently to drive several nails into a log of wood with a stick of a new glass which he has produced. If the feat can be repeated at will the standing factory joke about the "glass hammer," for which old hands used to send innocent newcomers to the foreman, will have to be retired in favour of some more up-to-date substitute.

The posthumous Offenbach opera, "The Goldsmith of Toledo," which has just been produced for the first time in England at Leeds, by the British National Opera, is a carefully edited selection from Offenbach's unpublished and unfinished compositions joined to a libretto, "The Lady of Seuderi," by Hoffmann, which was chosen as typical of Offenbach's best music. The production is due to the fact that Mr. Percy Pitt, the National Opera's artistic adviser,

AMERICAN BASEBALL.

Brooklyn's Big Score.

The following are the latest results:—

May 4
American League—
St. Louis 5, Detroit 6.
Cleveland 5, Chicago 3.
No other games.

National League—
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 8.
No other games.

American League—
St. Louis 6, Detroit 1.
Cleveland 6, Chicago 3.
New York 5, Philadelphia 4.
No other games.

National League—
Chicago 1, Pittsburgh 3.
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 2.
No other games.

May 6.
American League—
St. Louis 2, Cleveland 6.
Chicago 1, Detroit 8.
New York 2, Philadelphia 0.
Washington 0, Boston 1.

National League—
Boston 2, Brooklyn 15.
Philadelphia 2, New York 3.
Chicago 11, Pittsburgh 7.
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 4.

DEMPSEY AND CARPENTIER.

Another Mammoth Purse Mentioned.

A Paris report of the 6th inst. states:—A purse of \$490,000, of which 75 per cent. would go to the winner and 25 per cent. to the loser, has been offered Dempsey for a return match with Carpentier, the fight to take place June 23rd.

Dempsey said he would not decide until he learned the result of the negotiations between his manager and the British promoters for a bout with Carpentier in London. Dempsey told an interviewer that he was almost certain to meet Carpentier in London or Paris late this year, if the purse is satisfactory!

chanced to see a performance of the opera on the continent some years ago, and, noting its obvious possibilities of attraction, secured it for the benefit of British audiences. The performance incorporates a Spanish-style pantomime ballet which was discovered among the composer's manuscripts after his death.

Waistcoats for women appear to be fashion's latest decree, and it may interest those who obey it to know that the waistcoat is of Royal descent. In October, 1666, Charles II. communicated to his council the momentous tidings that he intended to change the fashion of his dress, and in due course he appeared in "a vest of black velvet pinked with white silk and a coat over it," the first example of coat and waistcoat in anything like our modern form. Later, his Majesty came to the conclusion that the white silk made him look like a magpie, and "bespoke" a vest of plain black.

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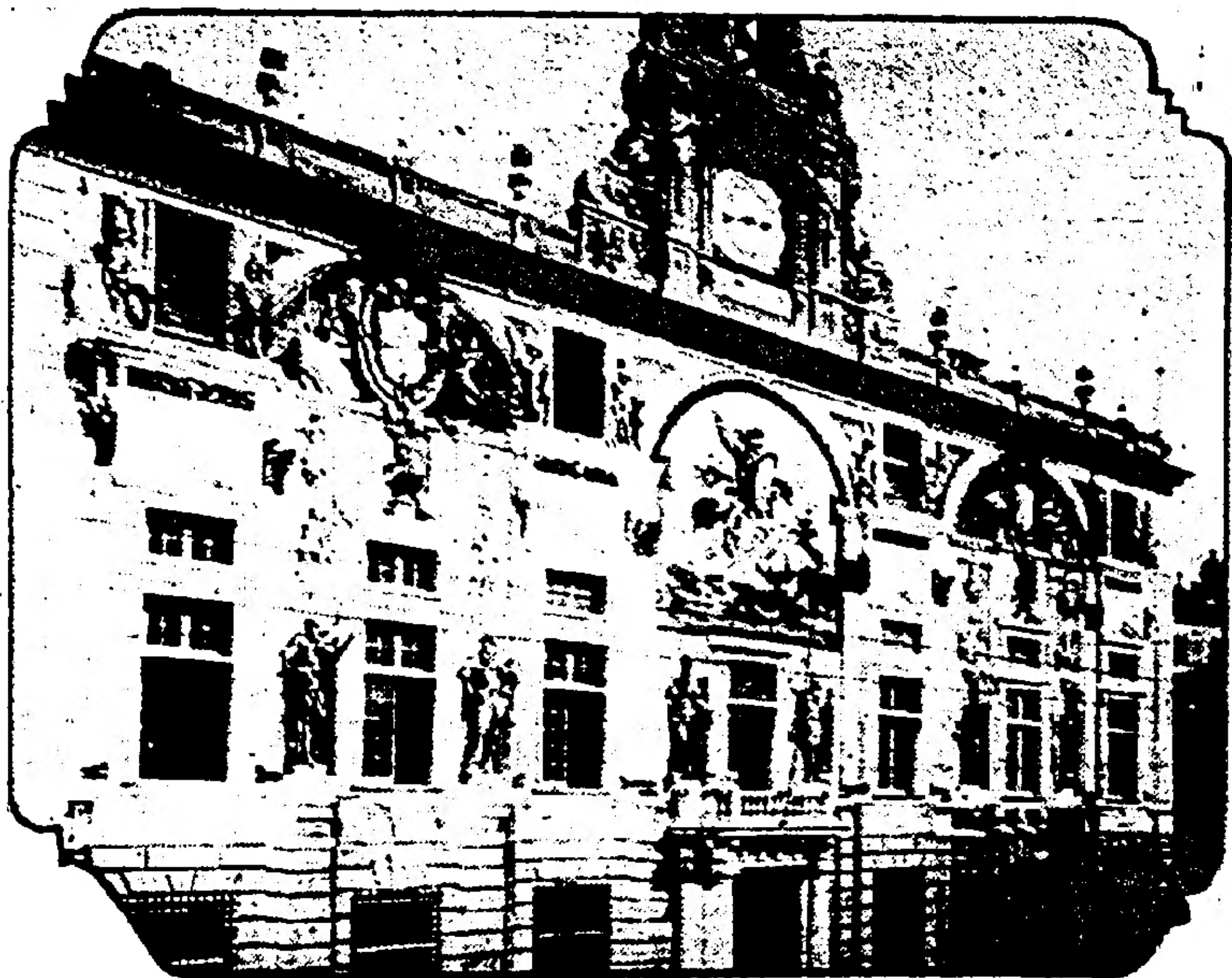
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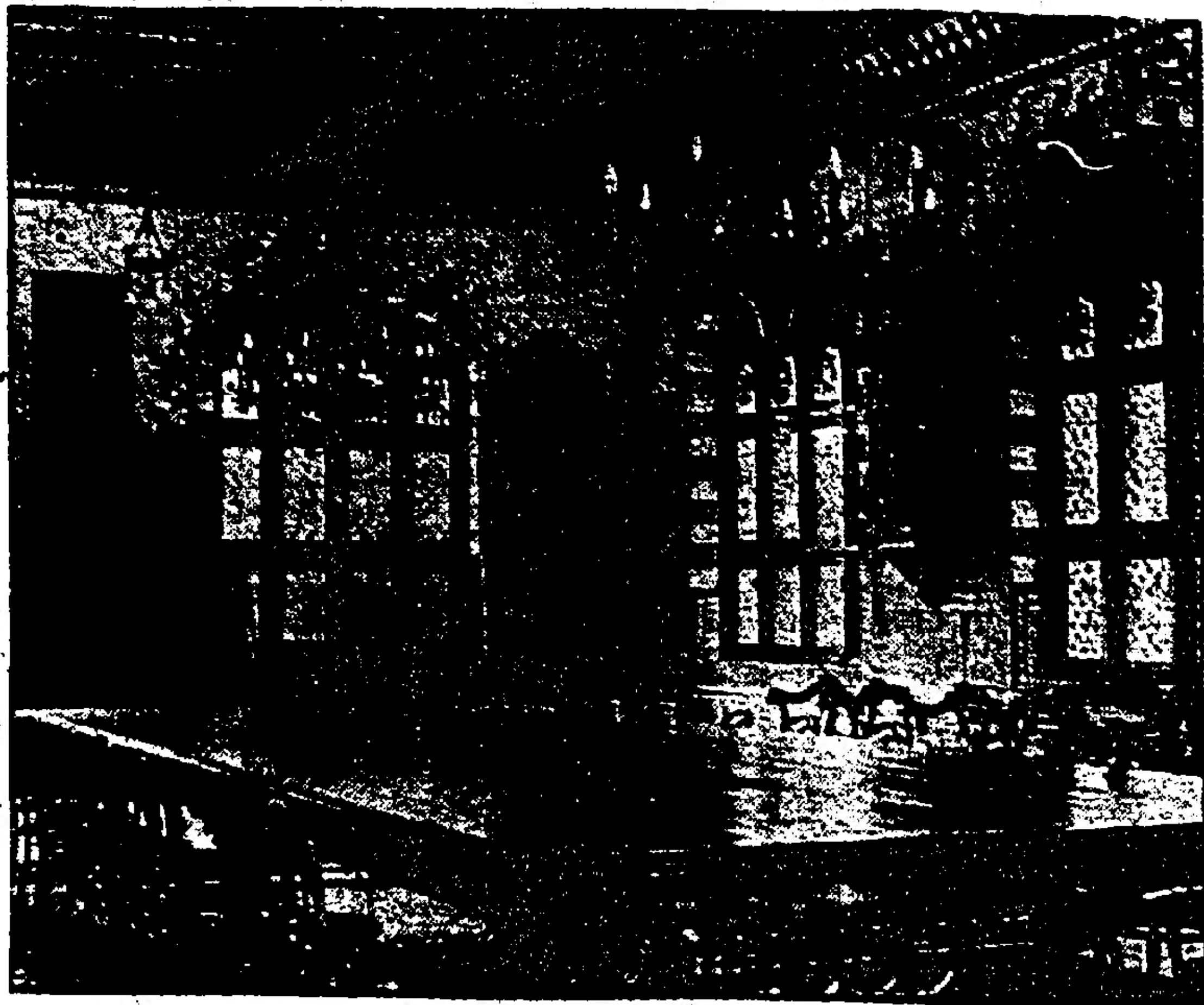


Table around which delegates to the Genoa conference have been meeting.



Konichi Nakasaka, at right in prisoners' box, photographed at his trial in Tokyo for the murder of Premier Hara. With him is Y. Hashimoto, government employe charged with instigating the crime.



Kinja Ikeda, champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of Japan, shown training with Russell Vis, of Los Angeles.



Maurice Sys, famous Belgian landscape painter, who is noted for his quaint and picturesque Dutch water scenes. He is shown here working near one of the canals, which abound in the Netherlands.



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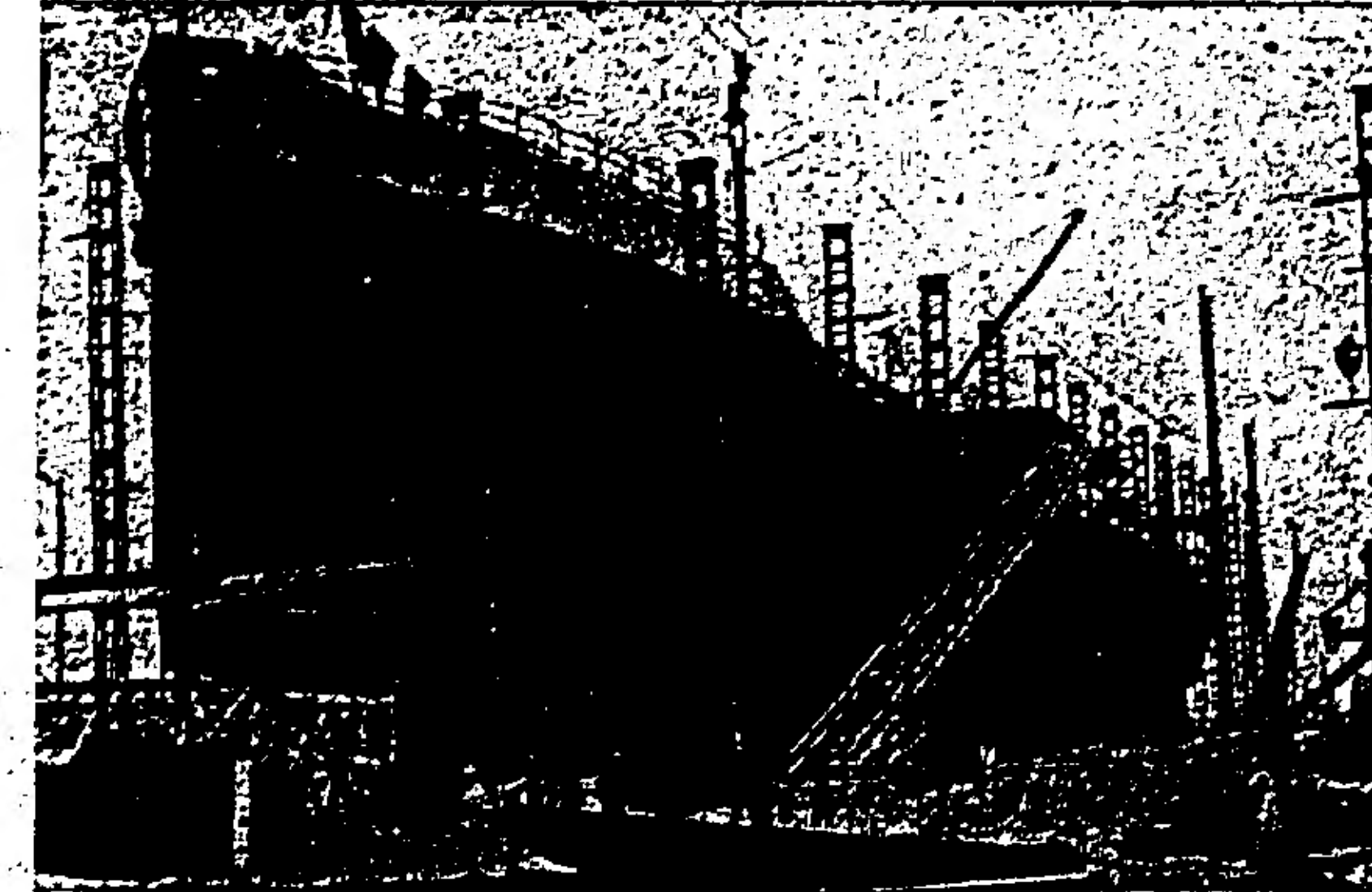
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1960 A YEAR.

Is it Enough for a Countess?

How large should be the dress allowance of a countess in order that she may maintain her position in society? This problem was set before Mr. Justice McCardie, who, in the King's Bench last month, heard from a West-end firm of costumers stories of the large sums spent on frocks by titled women.

He was considering the case in which Earl Cathcart was sued by Miss Gray, Ltd., of Brook-street, who claimed £215, representing the value of two gowns supplied to the countess last June.

Earl Cathcart, it will be recalled, obtained a decree against his young wife, the widow of the late Captain de Grey Walter, in February. The Earl had previously issued a circular repudiating responsibility for her debts.

Mr. Hilbery, counsel for the plaintiff, said Lord Cathcart permitted his wife to go to social functions, like a society lady living in Port-street.

According to Lady Cathcart it was impossible for her to be seen in the same gown week after week.

Mr. Justice McCardie: Why impossible?

Mr. Hilbery: Because for a lady moving in those circles that is not a permissible course of conduct, as I understand it, in order to hold her own.

His Lordship: Is that a condition of remaining in a certain state of society?

Mr. Hilbery: I do not think that is putting it too high. The rigorous treatment of ladies one to another on subjects of dress is hardly to be exaggerated.

His Lordship: Does the duty fall on me of determining how many dresses the countess would require in London society?

Mr. Hilbery: I am afraid that is a part of what your lordship will have to decide. (Laughter.)

The question for decision was—having regard to the position of the parties and the rank in society in which they moved—was the earl's allowance of £950 to the countess sufficient?

SIXTY-GUINEA GOWNS.

Miss Dora Bowman, head saleswoman for the plaintiff, said when the countess called at the shop she asked that the prices should be as reasonable as possible.

Witness said the dresses selected by the countess were—

Black georgette with fringe and embroidery.

Evening gown of black georgette-embroidered.

Gown of black crepe de Chine.

Gown of black satin and lace, with flowers.

Gown of blue gabardine with yellow facing.

Model gown of black net with water lily.

Gown in blue georgette with brids, and

Gown of black crepe with blue sequins.

His Lordship: How many do countesses sometime buy?—As high as 10.

His Lordship: How often do they come and engage in this pursuit—every afternoon—(laughter)?—Oh, no; but we should like them to.

Forty dresses a year.

In cross-examination witness said that gowns often cost £40 to

HOUSE AT £400.

Prices Reduced by Half.

Instances of cheaper housing and of the building in different parts of England, of houses at the cost of approximately £400 each were given by Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., to a Press representative.

Sir Kingsley said the fall in house prices had been remarkable. For non-parlour houses with three bedrooms tenders had been received at the following average prices:—

December 1920 £341
June 1921 693
December 1921 34

Within the last few days the Ministry of Health approved tenders received by Brighton Council for the erection of houses on their Queen's Park site for £400 a house—less than half the cost of the Brighton houses at Moulsecomb.

Tenders had also been approved as follows:—

Risca (Monmouthshire)—£388
Chesterfield—£391.
Carlton—£412.
Old Fletton—£424.

Derby Town Council had approved tenders for £425 a house—their municipal houses at present in occupation cost, roughly, £1,000 each.

£50, and evening gowns at 60 guineas.

His Lordship: What number of dresses would a countess have in a year?—That is rather difficult to say; but sometimes 30 or 40, I should think.

Mr. F. W. Singleton, chairman of directors of the plaintiff company, said he had known a titled woman spend as much as £500 or £600 in a season of six months, and sometimes as much as £1,000 in a season.

Mr. Morris (for the defence): There are countesses and countesses; some have money and some have not?—Yes.

And I daresay those who spend most are not countesses or titled people at all?—It often happens.

"SPENT £1,500 IN TEN DAYS."

Earl Cathcart, whose case was that the countess had no authority to pledge his credit, said she was most extravagant, and he continually had to remonstrate with her about it.

In September 1919 he arranged to give her an allowance of £80 a month, and told her that she must not exceed that, as he could not afford more.

He did not give her an allowance before because he was called out shortly after the marriage in 1919 to pay £1,500 which he had guaranteed at the bank.

"She had gone through it in 10 days and that was my first experience," said the earl.

His Lordship: What was the amount of your wife's debts in the summer of last year—in July?—I was told that it was a little under £4,000. Some were to moneylenders and others were to tradesmen.

At the conclusion of legal arguments the judge said he would not give judgment now, because the time had come when the burdens of husbands and the rights of shopkeepers should be definitely stated. He would consider his judgment, and state the law to the best of his ability with the utmost clearness. Judgment was accordingly reserved.

DEAR POSTAGE
"A CRIME."

Mr. Kellaway for Lower Rates.

Mr. Kellaway (the Postmaster-General), who was the guest of the Constitutional Club, announced that the Post Office would have a surplus of over £9,000,000 next year.

He said he was confident that the pledge he gave last May, on behalf of the Government—that surplus should go to reduction of postal rates—would be carried out in spirit and letter.

He would never be a party to asking the Exchequer to subsidize the Post Office. Subsidies were the primrose path to bankruptcy.

But, with equal emphasis and conviction, he maintained that high postal charges were a hindrance to trade, and to maintain them a moment longer than was necessary to meet all proper charges, and to make the service self-supporting, was bad at all times. In the present condition of our trade such a blunder was worse than a crime.

He hoped the Government would be able to agree to a reduction in printed paper rates from one penny to a halfpenny.

"It is most distasteful to me to be having circulars from British firms with German postage stamps on them. I would like to see these collected and laid round one of the war memorials as an indication of the patriotic contribution these firms are making to the glorious dead. It is a scandal, but I hope it will disappear as soon as we get the rate down from one penny to a halfpenny."

Post Office costs, he continued, were coming down rapidly. Comparing like with like, there was a reduction in expenditure for next year of over £11,000,000, due principally to the fall in the war bonus.

As a result he estimated that the Post Office commercial accounts would show a surplus next year of £9,320,000.

The Geddes Committee gave the surplus as £8,100,000.

How ought that surplus to be used? The Geddes Committee took the view that the pledge of last May was given only in relation to the increase in postage and printed paper rates, and that £2,000,000 would honour it.

When costs had been reduced by £11,000,000, and a surplus of £9,320,000 is estimated for, could it be said that the spirit or the letter of the pledge was honoured if only £2,000,000 went to the benefit of the postal user in reduction of charges?

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slightly from Formosa to Hong
kong.

The Mongolia depression, has
moved eastward.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24
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0.00 inch. Total since January
1st. 15.61 inches, against an
average of 15.02 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
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3 South coast of N.E. winds
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